THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Chairman, Rajya Sabha referred the subject of electoral reforms to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report and the entire matter is now before the Committee. The recommendations of the Committee are awaited before the Government could take any action.

Image of democratic institutions

†2053. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned with improving the bad impression of the democratic institutions in the wake of cases filed or under consideration in the courts against the elected representatives of the people; and

(b) if so, whether Government plan to set up special courts on the lines of Fast Track Courts for speedy and timely disposal of such types of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Institution and disposal of cases against any person including elected representatives are part of judicial process which is the exclusive domain of the Judiciary. The Government does not interfere in the process.

(b) No, Sir.

Establishment of new High Courts

2054. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Government have requested the Central Government to set up separate High Courts for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending in the High Courts which are meant for two or more than two States; and

(d) the action/steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) Haryana, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura have requested the Central Government to set up separate High Courts in their States.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The information on the number of cases pending in the following High Courts which have been set up for two or more than two States as received from these High Courts is as given below:

S. No.	Name of High Court	Number of pending cases
1.	Bombay	332975
2.	Guwahati	57381
3.	Punjab & Haryana	265302

The Government of Haryana have requested for creation of separate High Court in the existing premises at Chandigarh by allotting 40% of the building, staff, alongwith Judges appointed from Haryana quota. The Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court has, however, opined that this is not feasible.

The volume of work in Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura Benches do not justify setting up of separate High Courts in these States.

Status of Law Commission Report

†2055. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accept the 114th report of the Law Commission constituted under the Chairmanship of Justice D.A. Desai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the village courts (Gram Nyayalayas) would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government is considering the question of bringing in a legislation for the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level. The proposal is broadly based on the concept of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas as contained in the 114th Report of the Law Commission of India on Gram Nyayalayas. The proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall consist of a Nyayadhikari who shall be qualified to be eligible to be appointed as a Judicial Magistrate of the first class and belonging to a cadre of Nyayadhikaris constituted by the Governor in consulatation with the State Public Service Commission and the Chief Justice of the High Court and two Lay Judges who shall be holding at least

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